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FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE BY G.K. REDDY

ENTITLED "LEADERS TALKING AT CROSS PURPOSES" APPEARING

ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE HINDU DATED AUGUST 18.

QUOTE

THE LEADERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD CONTINUED THEIR TOUR

D'HORIZON OF THE GLOBAL SCENE ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE

SUMMIT, WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS

WERE WORKING ALMOST ROUND THE CLOCK TO FINALISE THE DRAFT

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TWENTY-SIX HEADS OF DELEGATIONS HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN AND MANY MORE ARE AWAITING THEIR TURN TOMORROW TO COMPLETE THE GENERAL DISCUSSION.

THOUGH THEY ARE ALL ADHERING TO THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF NON-ALIGNMENT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE VARIANCE IN THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE THE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE ATTACHING TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ITS APPLICATION. WHILE IT IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE THAT SO LARGE A COMMUNITY OF 85 NATIONS CANNOT ALWAYS SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE EVEN ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN EXPECT PERHAPS IN MOMENTS OF GRAVE CHALLENGE, A DISTURBING FEATURE OF THIS SUMMIT HAS BEEN THAT MANY OF THE ASSEMBLED LEADERS HAVE BEEN TALKING AT CROSS PURPOSES.

THE SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COVERING A VERY WIDE FIELD BUT THERE IS NO FOCUS AS SUCH FOR FUSING THE IDEAS AND GIVING A POSITIVE DIRECTION TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS CONFERENCE. THE ARABS HAVE BEEN SNIPING AT ONE ANOTHER OVER ISSUES LIKE THE SAHARA AND LEBANON, THE AFRICANS HAVE BEEN RATTLING THEIR SKELETONS, THE LATIN AMERICANS HAVE BEEN PLOUGHING THEIR OWN FURROWS WITH VARYING DEGREES OF RADICALISM AND THE ASIANS HAVE HAD THEIR ODD ONES OUT TO SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE.

THE LENGTHY SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE AT THE SUMMIT NO DOUBT REFLECT THE UNDERLYING UNITY OF PURPOSE THAT HAS BROUGHT SO MANY COUNTRIES TOGETHER IN PURSUIT OF THEIR LOFTY ASPIRATIONS BUT NO COMMON DENOMINATORS OF ACTION ARE EMERGING OVER ISSUES AWAITING EARLY SOLUTION. THE RESULTANT DISARRAY IS BLURRING THE ACTION PROGRAMMES BY CONFUSING THE ATTAINABLE WITH THE DESIRABLE AND THE PLAUSIBLE WITH THE POSSIBLE IN SEEKING COMMON APPROACHES TO UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS.

THE LEADERS OF A GOOD MANY COUNTRIES HAVE SPOKEN OF PRESSING PROBLEMS CALLING FOR EARLY ACTION BUT THERE IS NO CONCERTED EFFORT IN EVIDENCE FOR INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IN FINDING SOLUTIONS. THE ATTEMPTS TO COMPARTMENTALIZE ISSUES HAVE LED TO DECLAMATORY STATEMENTS ACERBATING FEELINGS RATHER THAN HARMONISING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CONFLICTING APPROACHES TO THEM.

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BUREAU: STALEMATE CONTINUES

MEANWHILE, THE STALEMATE CONTINUES IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OVER ASIAN AND AFRICAN REPRESENTATION ON THE CO-ORDINATION BUREAU WHICH HAS TO BE RECONSISTUTED BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE. THE AFRICAN GROUP IS STILL RESISTING THE REQUESTS TO INCLUDE EGYPT, ONE OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND SOME HARD FEELINGS HAVE BEEN AROUSED OVER IT. AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO END THIS IMPASSE BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION ON A PERMANENT BASIS FOR THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE HOST COUNTRIES OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH WILL ENTITLE EGYPT TO A SEAT IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

BUT THIS FORMULA WILL ALSO LEAD TO FURTHER INCREASE OF THE BUREAU BESIDES STEPPING UP THE QUOTAS OF VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS. THIS IN TURN WILL CREATE MORE PROBLEMS BY REOPENING THE CASES OF THE ASIAN AND EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION. IF SRI LANKA BECOMES A MEMBER AS THE HOST COUNTRY OF THIS CONFERENCE THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL SEAT TO BE FILLED FROM THE ASIAN REGION.

THOUGH THERE IS A CLEAR CONSENSUS IN FAVOUR OF VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA CONTINUES TO DISPUTE IT. NORTH KOREA IS ALSO CLAIMING THAT LIKE THE WEST, SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN
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SUB-REGIONS, NORTH-EAST ASIA ALSO SHOULD HAVE ITS SEPARATE

REPRESENTATION. IF THIS DEMAND IS ACCEPTED IT WOULD AMOUNT
TO MAKING NORTH KOREA THE SOLE AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THIS SUB-REGION SINCE THERE IS NO OTHER
NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY THERE. THE ASIAN GROUP HAS ALSO NOT BEEN
ABLE TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF AFGHAN OR BANGLADESH
REPRESENTATION. AND THE MATTER HAS BEEN LEFT TO THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, MR. FELIX BANDARANAIKE
TO RESOLVE THROUGH PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. SIGNED MCCASKILL

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